



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On April 1, 2009, a Lincoln man was sentenced to five years in prison for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. On March 30, 2008, Russell Rucks was contacted by a uniformed LPD officer because the officer recognized him and suspected he was wanted on outstanding warrants. Rucks provided a false name. He ran from the officer when confronted with his real name. Rucks was arrested. During a search incident of his person, Rucks was found to be in possession of two baggies containing crack cocaine with a total weight of 6.11 grams. Rucks admitted that the baggies contained crack and said that he had just left a nearby bar intending to go get "high." Rucks stated he gave the officer a false name and ran, because he knew there were warrants for his arrest and because he had crack in his pocket. Following the five-year prison term, Rucks will serve five years on supervised release. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Name of Defendant: Russell Lanire Rucks

AKA: Russell Lanier Rucks, Russell Leneir Rucks, Russell L. Rucks, Russell Lanier Rooks, Rucks L. Russel

Age: 38

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of cocaine base, also known as crack cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1). The possible penalty is not less than five years nor more than 40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than four years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 6.11 grams (just under 1/4 ounce) of cocaine base, also known as crack cocaine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 30, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: September 29, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: August 20, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: October 1, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on January 7, 2009

Sentencing Date: April 1, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released from custody on October 17, 2008

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Warren K. Urbom, United States Senior District Judge

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